

# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy the holidays with their family and friends.



We are excited to be back teaching and learning in our classrooms. Our students and teachers are working hard on our Social Justice theme of "poverty" where students are learning about the differences between "wants" and "needs" for survival. As I walk through our classrooms, it is wonderful to hear the discussions amongst our students and their critical thinking when debating between their needs for survival.

On February 14th, our term 1 report cards will be sent home with all grade 1 to 6 students and the Junior Kindergarten Summary. Interviews will be arranged as needed for this reporting period. Along with your child's report, you will also be receiving the Toronto District School Board's Parent Census. It would be greatly appreciated to have every census completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. Translations of the census will be available on [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) and if you have any questions about the census, please feel free to contact the office.

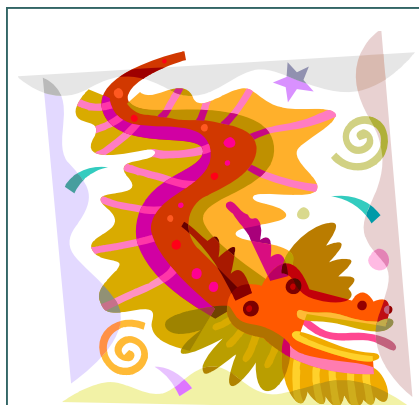
We continue to offer a variety of activities for our students beyond the classroom. Many students are participating in our primary houseleague program on Tuesdays and our junior houseleague program on Thursdays at lunch. Along with this, our Folkdancing group has begun its practices every Monday at lunch. Chess Club continues on Thursdays, PALS can be seen coordinating games outside on Wednesdays and our EcoTeam members continue their efforts to make Timberbank a more eco-friendly site through our "lights-out" and "Walking Wednesday" initiatives.

We hope to see many of you at our Family Fun Night on Tuesday, February 7th. This is a great opportunity to come out as a family and enjoy the soccer skills, yoga, board games or dance activities that our staff and community have planned. See you there!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

## Upcoming Dates

Feb. 6	Timberbank Chocolate Fundraiser Begins
Feb. 7	Family Fun Night - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Feb. 10	100th Day of School
Feb. 14	Term 1 Report Cards & Parent Census go home / Valentine's Day
Feb. 16	Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Feb. 17	PA Day - no school for students; Parent/Teacher Interviews - 8 am to 12pm
Feb. 20	Family Day - no school
Feb. 21	Chocolate Fundraiser Ends
Feb. 22	Lice Check
Feb. 23	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 27	Trustee By-Election all day in the Timberbank Gym
March 1	Subway Lunch / School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 5	Wild Wild Web - Internet Safety Parent Workshop 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



## Annual Chocolate Fundraiser

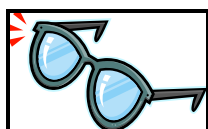


Timberbank's annual chocolate fundraiser begins on February 7th when the chocolates will be going home with all students who will be participating. A notice will be sent home on Monday, February 6th. This is a great opportunity to support our fundraising efforts for special performances, bussing for trips, dance/music workshops, computer equipment and kindergarten playground equipment.

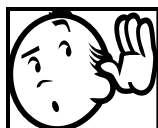
Thank you in advance for helping our school!!

## Vision and Hearing Testing

The dates have been set. Mark your calendars.



Vision screening: Tuesday,  
March 6th, 2012



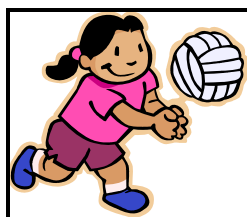
Hearing screening: Thursday,  
May 3rd, 2012

## TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:

Mark the date on your calendar -

Saturday, June 16th from 10 am to 2 pm - details to follow...

## Athletics



Our girls' volleyball team will be participating in a Conference Tournament @ Pauline Johnson on Friday, February 24th in the afternoon. We want to wish them the best of luck in the tournament and to remember to have fun!

Good luck to: Alexandra, Anjali, Heidi, Jennifer, Joanne, Khloe, Sophia, Tracy & to the Coaches: Mr. O'Connor and Ms Kwok

The boys' basketball season has begun. The team is participating in league play this year. They have several games throughout the month of February. So far, they have demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship on the court. Way to go boys!



Good luck to: Abbiram, Ahmed, Andrew, Avery, Nirajh, Safiullah, Taylor and Vishnu & to the Coaches: Ms Keith, Mrs. Walker & Anujan

## Milk Bags for Beds

We continue to collect milk bags for our global social justice project. So far, we have collected 3 600 milk bags. WOW!!! Thank you for helping us help others!



## ECO News

This month we learned about recycling DVDs and CDs. If you burn a DVD or CD and it won't work you can recycle it. Bring in DVDs and CDs into the main office. There is a big box for collection. Ask your parents and friends for old CDs and DVDs too. Please read page 5 of our newsletter. As well, the Eco Team members are coming for Spot Checks at morning recess to make sure that we are saving energy by turning off the lights.



By: Abishega

## Mrs. Walker's and Miss Keith's Classes

### Reading Together

On Day 3s, Mrs. Walker's Grade 3 class go to Ms. Keith's kindergarten class. We read with the kindergarten students. We ask them questions about the books that we read to them so we know if they understand. We read to them so they can learn new words. We like reading to them because it teaches them how to read all on their own!





## *"Spirit of the Season"*



### Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and if you do not have a Kleenex then you can always do the "sleeve sneeze". Help prevent germs from spreading...



### Kindergarten Registration - Thurs., Feb. 23rd 9:30 - 11:15 am & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

- Please bring:**
- A. Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport);
  - B. 2 pieces of identification that show your address; C. Health card; and
  - D. immunization card (shows a list of the needles your child





### Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, we recognized students for their **“Attitude & Achievement”**. Congratulations to:

Ashvin, Raymond, Saran and Sharon from Mrs. Ball's class

Aaron, Gajeevan, Felix and Mariam from Miss Keith's class

Jenny, Kayla, Kevin and Mathumitha from Miss Kwok's class

Aksaya, Kashwine, Parvin and Varun from Miss Runighan's class

Aathrayan, Anny, Anojah and Caralina from Mrs. Montgomery's class

Gajeeni, Jennifer, MuLei and Reena from Mrs. Walker/Mr. Mirshahi's class

Eunice, Gayathiri, George, Helen and Yong Shan from Ms Persaud's class

Alexandra, Jia Liang, Jun and Sayilaja from Mrs. Corrieri's class

Andrew and Hamsa from Miss Bass-West's class

Abdalah, Kenson, Khloe and Tracy from Mr. O'Connor's class

Our students met with Mrs. Epitropou for lunch and told her that our school is great because:

*“we believe in Teamwork and Trust.”*

*“we help others; have great studies; and are good listeners.”*

*“we treat everyone with respect and we don't bully.”*

*“we are making our school more eco-friendly and we have Walking Wednesdays.”*

*“we are active and have great houseleague programs.”*

*“we have great teachers and they treat us fairly.”*

*“we are collecting milk bags as our social justice action to help others.”*



### HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

It is the year of the Dragon and on January 20<sup>th</sup> the staff and students began the celebrations with some wonderful performances.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to announce that our school is participating in the STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS DISC DRIVE. This is an initiative of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS), the charitable foundation of the Toronto District School Board. All proceeds will help fund breakfast programs, in-school medical clinics and the Hope in Action Emergency Fund. From now until the end of the school year, Sunrise Records is donating \$2.00 for every movie DVD and \$1.00 for every music CD collected in Toronto schools.

This is a great way for our school to make a positive impact in the lives of students in need. We'd like to help the TFSS reach its program goal of \$25,000 and you can help by sending your old movies and CDs to school with your child to add to our collection box.

Following are guidelines for collectible discs:

**Accepted**

Any original (i.e. store-bought) music CD in plastic case with cover

Any original (i.e. store-bought) DVD Movie in plastic case with cover

Scratched discs and discs that do not play on your player will be accepted

**Not Accepted**

Computer generated copies

Computer software

Video games

VHS Tapes

Discs damaged beyond repair – i.e. cracked or warped

Thanks for helping to make a difference.

Kindest regards,

Timberbank Staff



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**From the library...**

Forest of Reading is well underway at Timberbank. Our ferocious readers have been devouring the Silver Birch and Blue Spruce books! It is great to hear the conversations around the books and the FOR selections for this year. If you are interested in finding out more about this program or these terrific books, please drop by the library or check out

[http://www.accessola.org/ola\\_prod/OLAWEB/Forest\\_of\\_Reading/2012\\_Nominated\\_Lists/OLAWEB/Forest\\_of\\_Reading/Current\\_Program\\_Year.aspx?hkey=5af29ddd-628e-431d-9b3b-321b8393bd25](http://www.accessola.org/ola_prod/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/2012_Nominated_Lists/OLAWEB/Forest_of_Reading/Current_Program_Year.aspx?hkey=5af29ddd-628e-431d-9b3b-321b8393bd25)

Our Spring Book Fair is quickly approaching. The library will be open for bookfair sales starting afterschool on Monday, February 13. Please drop by and see what we have to offer! We are hoping to raise enough money to buy new comfy furniture for little readers in the library! Please note, the bookfair will also be open during parent teacher interviews on the evening of Thursday, February 16 and until noon on Friday, February 17th.

Our annual Literacy Week is quickly approaching. This year we have many exciting activities planned, including our ever popular Book Swap! Did you know almost 2000 books were swapped last year? What a great way to get rid of loved books you no longer want and restock your shelves with new reads! This year we will also have a Book Swap table for adults, so please clean out your bookshelves and come shop with us!